



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

**Board Members Present:**

K. Hall, A. Wilder, A. Mead, M. Piernick, V. White

**Guests Present:**

E. Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth, P. Adkins, M. Beachum

**I. Opening Items**

**Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Hall called a meeting of the board of directors of United Community School to order on February 8, 2022 @ 5:33 PM.

**Approve Minutes**

A. Wilder made a motion to approve the January board meeting minutes. *Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

**Approve Agenda**

*Motion to approve by A. Wilder. Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

**Public Comments**

Parent M. Beachum made a plea to the board to remove the mask mandates.

• **Facility**

- T. Hedgepeth provided an update to the board on options he is exploring for building options. He noted that there are a few favorable ones out there and that he will have an update for the board at the next meeting. T. Hedgepeth informed the board that it is becoming apparent that adding modulars to the current campus would not be a good investment.

• **School Budget**

- The board was given an updated budget for this year. There were no changes needed at this time.

• **Board Member**

- T. Hedgepeth provided the board with the resume of a prospective board member. The board will consider this recommendation and will make a decision at the next meeting.

• **Masking Policy**

- E. Hedgepeth reminded the board that, by law, school boards have to vote to continue requiring face masks at every board meeting going forward. E. Hedgepeth mentioned that there are several parents that feel strongly about lifting the current mask policy, but there are probably just as many parents that feel strongly about keeping the mask policy. The board members debated the pros and cons of the masking policy. Several were in favor of

keeping the mask policy and several thought it should be lifted. K. Hall made a recommendation to survey the parents electronically and to have a special called meeting next week (February 15, 2022) to make a decision on the masking policy.

*A motion to keep the current masking policy, to have the parents surveyed, and to evaluate this data at a special called board meeting on February 15, 2022 was made by K. Hall. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **Jury Duty Policy**

- The following Jury Duty Policy was recommended to the board for approval:
  - Employees are encouraged to fulfill their civic responsibilities by serving jury duty when required. Regular full-time and part-time employees may be granted time off with pay to fulfill their civic responsibilities to serve jury duty locally or to appear as a witness. When an employee receives a summons to appear for jury duty, the employee must submit a copy of the summons to the School Director. Paid leave for serving jury duty or appearing as a witness must be approved by the School Director.

*A motion was made to adopt the policy as written by A. Mead. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **Assessment Data**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the board a report with information NC Reading Check-In Data. She mentioned that the staff is working really hard to catch students up. Many students are really behind.

- **School Improvement Meeting**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the following SIP update:
  - The SIP team discussed a list of “wants” that will improve the efficiency of our school. The wants included building/space, specific staffing roles, and resources. We then made a priority list that included the most important and essential needs for UCS. A few included a separate outdoor area for middle school and extracurricular activities offered in addition to sports. The next meeting - Wed. Feb. 16th from 3:45 - 4:15 @ UCS Gym

- **Enrollment Data**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the board a report with current applications for the 2022 lottery.

- **Upcoming Events**

- E. Hedgepeth provided a board with a list of upcoming events on the calendar for the remainder of the year.

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 07:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall